

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) Hosting apparatus ~~(1,3)~~ for generating and storing profile information relating to client devices ~~(2)~~, comprising means for interrogating a client device, means for generating a client device profile ~~(92)~~ based on the results of said interrogation, storage means ~~(3)~~ for storing client device profiles so generated, means for generating reference codes ~~(93)~~ identifying the stored client device profiles ~~(92)~~ and transmitting said reference codes to the respective client devices ~~(2)~~, the storage means ~~(3)~~ being arranged to retrieve the profile ~~(92)~~ of a client device ~~(2)~~ on receipt, from a data accession device ~~(4)~~, of a data request ~~(22)~~ including the reference code ~~(92)~~ relating to that client device ~~(2)~~, wherein the interrogation means comprises means for transmitting a diagnostic program ~~(90)~~ to the client device ~~(2)~~, and means for activating the diagnostic program and analysing inputs received from the client device ~~(2)~~ to generate the client device profile ~~(92)~~.

2. (currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, comprising means for causing a client device ~~(2)~~ to transmit the said reference code ~~(93)~~ as part of data requests ~~(20)~~ made to data accession devices ~~(4)~~.

3. (currently amended) A data access terminal having means for generating a client device profile, comprising diagnosis means for determining properties of the terminal and/or of its user, means for generating a client device profile derived from the said properties, means for transmitting the client device profile to a store associated with a host server, means for receiving from the host server an address from which the client device profile can be retrieved, and means for making a data request to a database in which the said address is transmitted with the data request to allow the database to retrieve the client device profile from the store, the diagnosis means comprising a diagnostic program ~~(90)~~ loaded onto the terminal ~~(2)~~, and means for

activating the diagnostic program to generate a client device profile (92) and means for transmitting the client device profile to a host server.

4. (original) A method of generating profile information relating to client devices, comprising the steps of interrogating the client for its capabilities, generating a profile, storing the profile in a database, and generating a reference code for transmission to the client to allow retrieval of the relevant profile, comprising the step of transmitting a diagnostic program to the client device, activating the diagnostic program at predetermined times, and generating the client device profile from the results of said diagnosis.

5. (currently amended) A method according to claim 6, comprising the step of retrieving ~~the~~ the profile information from the database in response to a data request incorporating the reference code,

6. (currently amended) A method according to claim 4 ~~or claim 5~~, comprising the step of causing a client device to transmit the said reference code as part of data requests made to data accession devices.

7. (original) A process for generating a client device profile for a data access terminal, wherein a diagnostic program is loaded onto the terminal and activated so as to perform a diagnosis process to determine properties of itself and/or of its user, generates a client device profile derived from the said properties, the terminal transmits the client device profile to a store associated with a host server, and receives from the host server an address from which the client device profile can be retrieved, and when the data access terminal makes a data request to a database, the said address is transmitted with the data request to allow the database to retrieve the client device profile from the store,

8. (currently amended) A computer program product or suite of computer program products for use with one or more computers to carry out the method as set out ~~in any one of claims 4 to 7 or to provide any of the apparatus as set out in any one of claims 1 to 3.~~ claim 4